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SUBJECT: COUNTRY STUDIES ON NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT COORDINATING
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1. OUTLINE PORPOSED FOR COUNTRY STUDIES IN REF A, PARA 3, IS
FINE FOR TANZANIA.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY REPORTED AT LENGTH (REFB) ON SEVERAL
OF PRINCIPAL TOPICS COVERED IN OUTLINE, AND IN PARTICULAR ON
TANZANIAN MULTILATERAL FOREIGN POLICY INTEREST AND RECEPTIVITY
TO US PERSUASION AND INFLUENCE.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, EMBASSY FILES DO NOT GO BACK FAR ENOUGH TO
COVER TANZANIA'S MEMBERSHIP AND HISTORY OF EARLY RELATIONS WITH
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. WE PRESUME THAT SUITABLE MATERIALS ARE
AVAILABLE TO DEPT. TANZANIA HAS LONG MADE THE NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT A MAJOR CORNERSTONE OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY STANCE, WHICH
STRESSES STRONGLY THE NEED FOR THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY.

4. IN ADDITION TO TANGOV MULTILATERAL FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS
DISCUSSED REF B, WE WOULD ADD FOLLOWING LOCAL AND REGIONAL
INTEREST:

A) PRESERVING THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN A FORM
ECONOMICALLY PROFITABLE TO TANZANIA;

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B) RELATIONS WITH UGANDA. FOR REASONS BOTH IDEOLOGICAL

(DESIRE TO RESTORE OUSTED OBOTE REGIME) AND STRATEGIC (FEAR OF THE UNPREDICTABLE AND HEAVILY ARMED GENERAL AMIN), TANZANIA HOPES FOR A CHANGE OF REGIME IN UGANDA.

C) AS A CRITICALLY POOR AND UNDERDEVELOPED NATION, EXPERIENCING SEVERE CLIMATIC AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, TANZANIA SEEKS TO MAXIMIZE UNTIED AID FROM ALL SOURCES, ALTHOUGH ITS CAPACITY TO ABSORB AID IS OFTEN STRAINED.

5. ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO TANZANIA. THE ISSUES OF PRIMARY FOREIGN POLICY IMPORTANCE TO TANZANIA ARE LARGELY THOSE WHICH IT HAS ESPOUSED FOR REASONS MORE IDEOLOGICAL THAN PRACTICAL. THEY WERE DISCUSSED IN REF B.

6. ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION TO THE DISCUSSION IN REF B, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TANZANIA HAS IN PAST TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN PRESSING (IN COOPERATION WITH CUBA) FOR INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO. TANZANIA HAS ALSO GIVEN WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREA ON QUESTIONS OF REUNIFICATION AND US MILITARY PRESENCE IN KOREA. TANZANIA HAS ALSO GIVEN CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT, DESPITE SOME APPARENT PRIVATE RESERVATIONS, TO ARAB ANTI-ISRAELI CAMPAIGN. TANZANIA CONTINUES TO OPPOSE US POSITIONS ON INDOCHINA QUESTIONS, E.G., US VETO OF SVN MEMBERSHIP IN UN. FINALLY, AS ACTIVE PROMOTER OF "INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE", TANZANIA OPPOSES GREAT POWER NAVAL ACTIVITIES THEREIN HOWEVER, TANZANIA HAS NOT ISSUED ANY EFFECTIVE CRITICISM OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AREA.

7. WE HOPE FOREGOING PROVIDES ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND FOR PREPARATION OF INR COUNTRY STUDY OF TANZANIA AND REMAIN READY TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
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